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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 cancelled.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A work board assembly comprising:
a board having front and rear surfaces; and
a hook assembly including a bracket attached to said board and a hook rotatably
mounted to said bracket, said bracket including two arms and a base wherein ~~The work board~~
~~assembly as claimed in claim 3 wherein~~ said bracket straddles said board.

Claims 6 and 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The work board assembly comprising:
a board having front and rear surfaces; and
a hook assembly including a bracket attached to said board and a hook rotatably
mounted to said bracket, wherein said hook assembly includes a post projecting from said hook
and a post receiving opening formed in said bracket, and

~~The work board assembly as claimed in claim 7 wherein:~~

said hook assembly includes a biasing element for allowing said hook and said bracket to separate slightly upon an application of force and then re-engage when the force is released.

Claim 9 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 8 wherein:

said biasing element is a spring washer; and including
a push nut mounted to said post.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The work board assembly comprising:

a board having front and rear surfaces; and

a hook assembly including a bracket attached to said board and a hook rotatably mounted to said bracket, said hook assembly including a detent, and ~~The work board assembly as claimed in claim 2 wherein:~~

said detent also including ~~includes~~ a projection formed on one of said bracket and said hook and a recess formed on the other of said bracket and said hook.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 10 wherein:

said bracket includes two arms and a base.

Claim 13 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 12 including:

a fastener opening formed in said base.

Claim 14 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 12 wherein:

said bracket straddles said board.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A work board assembly comprising:

a board having front and rear surfaces;

a hook assembly including a bracket attached to said board and a hook rotatably mounted to said bracket, said bracket including two arms and a base; and The work board assembly as claimed in claim 3 including:

a fastener opening formed in said base; and wherein,
said bracket straddles said board.

Claim 16 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 15 wherein:
said hook has a C-shaped cross-section.

Claim 17 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 16 wherein:
said hook assembly includes a post projecting from said hook; and
a post receiving opening in said bracket.

Claim 18 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 17 wherein:
said hook assembly includes a biasing element for allowing said hook and said bracket to separate slightly upon an application of force and then re-engage when the force is released.

Claim 19 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 18 wherein:
said biasing element is a spring washer; and including
a push nut mounted to said post.

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A work board assembly comprising:
a board having front and rear surfaces; and
a hook assembly including a bracket attached to said board and a hook rotatably mounted to said bracket, and wherein said hook assembly includes a detent, said bracket includes

two arms and a base, said hook assembly includes a post projecting from said hook and a post receiving opening in said bracket, and ~~The work board assembly as claimed in claim 20 wherein:~~

said hook assembly includes a biasing element for allowing said hook and said bracket to separate slightly upon an application of force and then re-engage when the force is released.

Claims 22 and 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Currently Amended) A work board assembly comprising:

a board having front and rear surfaces;

a hook assembly including a bracket attached to said board and a hook rotatably mounted to said bracket; and ~~The work board assembly as claimed in claim 1 including:~~

a flip chart holder removably mounted to said board, said flip chart holder having a flip chart hanger bracket, a door, a hinge connecting said hanger bracket and said door, a latch for restraining said door, and a pair of hooks adjustably mounted on said door for supporting a flip chart.

Claim 25 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein:

said door includes an inner surface having upper and lower grooves, said pair of hooks being connected to strips engaged to said upper and lower grooves for allowing said strips to move as a function of the size of a supported flip chart.

Claim 26 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 25 wherein:

said flip chart holder includes a finger grip allowing a user to rotate said door about said hinge.

Claim 27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Currently Amended) A work board assembly comprising:

a board having front and rear surfaces, each of said front and said rear surfaces
being usable for marking or tacking;

a hook assembly including a bracket attache to said board and rotatably mounted
to said bracket wherein said board includes a frame and a tray; and ~~The work board assembly as~~
~~elaimed in claim 27 including:~~

a flip chart holder removably mounted to said board, said flip chart holder having
a flip chart hanger bracket, a door, a hinge connecting said hanger bracket and said door, a latch
for restraining said door, and a pair of hooks adjustably mounted to said door for supporting a
flip chart.

Claim 29 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 28 wherein:

said door includes an inner surface having upper and lower grooves, said pair of
hooks being connected to strips engaged to said upper and lower grooves for allowing said strips
to move as a function of the size of a supported flip chart.

Claim 30 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 29 wherein:

said flip chart holder includes a finger grip allowing a user to rotate said door
about said hinge.

Claim 31 (Cancelled)

Claim 32 (Currently Amended) a work board assembly comprising:

a board having front and rear surfaces, a frame and a tray; and
a hook assembly including a bracket attached to said board and a hook rotatably
mounted to said bracket, said hook assembly including a detent, ~~The work board assembly as~~
~~elaimed in claim 31 wherein:~~

said detent includes a projection formed on one of said bracket and said hook and a recess formed on the other of said bracket and said hook.

Claim 33 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 32 wherein:

said bracket includes two arms and a base;
a fastener opening is formed in said base; and
said bracket straddles said board.

Claim 34 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 33 wherein:

said hook has a C-shaped cross-section.

Claim 35 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 34 wherein:

said hook assembly includes a post projecting from said hook and a post receiving opening in said bracket.

Claim 36 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 35 wherein:

said hook assembly includes a biasing element for allowing said hook and said bracket to separate slightly an application of force and then re-engage when the force is released.

Claim 37 (Original) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 36 wherein:

said biasing element is a spring washer; and including
a push nut mounted to said post.

Claims 38-50 (Cancelled)

Claim 51 (Currently Amended) A work board for mounting on a rail comprising:

a board having front and rear surfaces;

a structure for connecting said board to a rotatable hook; and ~~The work board as claimed in claim 48 including:~~

a flip chart holder removably mounted to said board, said flip chart holder having a flip chart hanger bracket, a door, a hinge connecting said hanger bracket and said door, a latch for restraining said door, and a pair of hooks adjustably mounted to said door for supporting a flip chart.

Claim 52 (Original) The work board as claimed in claim 51 wherein:

said door includes an inner surface having upper and lower grooves, said pair of hooks being connected to strips engaged to said upper and lower grooves for allowing said strips to move as a function of the size of a supported flip chart.

Claim 53 (Original) The work board as claimed in claim 52 wherein:

said flip chart holder includes a finger grip allowing a user to rotate said door about said hinge.

Claim 54 (Original) The work board as claimed in claim 53 wherein:

said structure includes a frame and a bracket.

Claim 55 (Original) The work board as claimed in claim 54 wherein:

each of said front and said rear surfaces is usable for marking or tacking.

Claims 56-70 (Cancelled)

Claim 71 (New) A work board assembly comprising:

a work board;

a hook attached to said work board for connecting to a rail;

a bracket for attachment to a wall, said bracket having a cam; and

a rail for attachment to said bracket wherein said cam tightens said rail to said bracket.

Claim 72 (New) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 71 wherein:

said cam tightens said rail to said bracket by being rotated.

Claim 73 (New) The work board as claimed in claim 72 wherein:

said rail is disengageable from said bracket by rotation of said cam in a direction opposite from that used to tighten said rail to said bracket.

Claim 74 (New) A work board assembly comprising:

a bracket for attachment to a wall;

a rail for attachment to said bracket;

a work board; and

a hook assembly including a board attaching structure, a rail attaching structure and a biasing element for allowing said board attaching structure and said rail attaching structure to separate slightly to allow said rail attaching structure to rotate relative to said board attaching structure.

Claim 75 (New) The work board assembly as claimed in claim 74 wherein:

said biasing element is a spring washer.